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### FIGHTING ALS

## Commitment deepens as family deals with ALS

*Family  
strengthens as  
father and  
husband fight  
disease*

by Richard Westlund

When Darcy Pride was diagnosed with ALS, his family was suddenly faced with tough questions and tough choices - many of which haven't and probably will never be answered.

The question of why this would be happening to a man so young and what the toll on his wife and two daughters would be, are questions still being asked by the family today.

But out of the confusion, anger and remorse has come one answer that has been so overwhelmingly clear, that the Prides have been able to, and will continue to, stand together.

"Our family has totally changed," said Becky Pride, Darcy's wife. "Our quality of life is different in facing this challenge. You don't take things for granted and you appreciate each other more. It's something that is instilled in us. We are totally different than we were before."

"Before we were separate people, now we are together as a family - as a unit. Now we have this connection. Before there was me, the kids and Darcy. We're all together now."

ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) is a disease which attacks motor neurons which slowly shuts down the body. Often the hands and feet are affected first causing difficulty in lifting, walking or using the hands to complete activities of daily life.

As the paralysis continues to spread to the muscles of the trunk of the body speech, swallowing, chewing and breathing become more difficult. When breathing muscles are affected, the patient will need a permanent ventilator in order to survive. After being diagnosed with ALS the average life expectancy for those affected is approximately two years.

Since ALS only attacks motor neurons, the sense of sight, touch, hearing, taste and smell are generally not affected. For the vast majority of people, their mind and thoughts are not impaired and remain sharp despite the progressive degeneration of the body.

So far Darcy's speech has been affected but is still able to walk and is continuing at his job with the Town of Didsbury.

"I want people to know that he is the same guy," said Becky. "And people don't need to treat him any differently."

"Some people are unsure about approaching Darcy because they are afraid they may say the wrong thing or hurt him in some way. He just wants to be treated like he was before."

Life has changed drastically for the Prides. Darcy is writing notes and is programming a computer with phrases that will allow him to touch the phrase on the screen and have a verbal version released through a speaker.

"I think back to last year when he was speaking and playing ball. All it took to change our family so much was to go to the doctor because Darcy noticed that he was stuttering. I didn't even notice the stuttering myself, he seemed to talk fine to me."

Since then different parts of Darcy's body have become affected to the point where his coordination is starting to de-



Darcy Pride gets a hug of support from wife Becky and daughter Ashley.  
photo by Carla Victor

teriorate.

"It's fast. No sooner do you get used to some symptom and it's progressed again."

The Prides have had to adjust for that reason. The fam-

ily sets up their time so that Becky or the kids are always with Darcy in case he chokes or has trouble breathing.

Becky and Darcy understand that with time things

will continue to get worse. Arrangements are being made for homecare and obtaining accessories like a wheelchair. Darcy is already equipped with a device that resembles a door bell. If he needs help with something he can push a button which alerts the family that he wants their attention or that something is not right.

While the family has been affected and had to deal with the fact that a husband and father is going through the process of a cruel and unrelenting disease, Darcy has been faced with a huge challenge of his own.

"He regrets that he will be leaving the kids and won't see them grow up, the changes they will go through, who they will marry. It's all so hard for him."

"Darcy will never be able to tell us that he loves us like he used to and there will come a time when he is no longer able to hug us. It's heartbreaking. I can't imagine what it's like for him."

Helping the family get through the tough times has been the community and extended family.

Last week the Prides were given a trip to Disney World through donations given by Didsburians. And the extended family has been there to offer support now and in the future.

Becky said the family commitment will remain strong and she is willing to do whatever it takes.

"You just don't walk away from someone you care about, but you have to ask yourself if you will be able to stand up to the commitment, never mind financial expenses or the caring that someone with ALS will need. Is a person prepared to do that?"

"No question. Our family may not be prepared, but we are committed"



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## CONTRACT DISPUTE

# Teachers call for Chinook's Edge trustees to resign

*There's no chance  
replies board  
chair Roy  
Brassard*

by Dan Singleton

In an extraordinary move, the teachers of the ATA local #17 have called on Chinook's Edge trustees to resign their positions in the school board.

The board members, in turn, say they're not going anywhere.

In an open letter sent to board chairman Roy Brassard, the local ATA said only by stepping down can trustees bring about labour peace in the division.

"The inability of members of the Board of Education to carry out their duties as trustees as demonstrated by their failure to strive to achieve a resolution to the labour strife of the past year leaves no other option," said Bob Worsfold, ATA local #17 president.

"At this point it is apparent that the resignations of trustees is necessary in order to prepare the ground for a positive rebuilding of trust and relationships."

Worsfold said since April 2001, the board has made "no attempt to engage in meaningful negotiations" with Chinook's Edge teachers.

"The obvious conclusion is that the Board preferred the students of Chinook's Edge to be without instruction rather than engage in meaningful discussions as so many other boards have done," he said.

More than 600 teachers in Chinook's Edge have been without a new contract since August 2001. The teachers are asking for an 11.5 per cent salary increase, while the board has countered with an offer of six per cent over two years.

Numerous negotiations between the ATA and the Chinook's Edge board since early last year have failed to bring about any settlement.

Many teachers in the division are continuing a withdrawal of volunteer services campaign this week, saying until a new contract is reached with the board, the labour action will continue, sources confirm.

Activities affected include sports, clubs, field trips and other activities.

Chinook's Edge trustees were elected during the March 2001 provincial vote. They receive \$1,200 per year, plus \$140 for each meeting they attend in the division and \$200 for meetings outside the division.

Despite the local ATA's call for board members' resignations, Chinook's Edge chairman Brassard said trustees are staying put.

"I understand that the teachers feel frustrated in all that has gone on," said Brassard. "I also realize that the call from the ATA for us to resign is not just happening here, it's happening all over Alberta or at least in other places. The bottom line is the general public put trustees into office, not the ATA, so we are certainly not prepared to resign."

"There's no chance. We have no intention of resigning."

Brassard said he had hoped the so-called Good Faith agreement signed by Alberta Learning, the provincial ATA and the Alberta School Boards Association on April 19 would have led to a labour peace in Chinook's Edge.

"I think it's important that we move forward in good faith," he said. "I believe that if I were to speak out publicly about the contents of Mr.

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- Roy Brassard  
Chinook's Edge chair

Worsfold's letter, it wouldn't be in accordance with that agreement. I think we will continue to be willing to work locally to resolve a collective agreement. The bottom line is we want to settle this thing, and we certainly don't intend to resign."

"I honestly thought that it (the agreement) was going to encourage the reinstatement of voluntary services across the province and we could move on from there. I guess that's not taking place all over. Some of the teachers still feel frustrated enough that they are still going to withdraw the services, and that's too bad."

"I had high hopes that the agreement would have toned things down, but it doesn't seem to have had that effect."

The "integrity of Chinook's Edge teachers has been attacked throughout the process by the Board's actions, regardless of its proclamation of support for teachers," said Worsfold.

"Teachers have felt great disappointment in the Board's constant suggestions that the teachers' negotiations committee was failing to represent the

interests of local teachers and was dealing only with provincial issues," said Worsfold.

"This statement was made in juxtaposition to Board demands, which include the removal of administrators from the collective agreement and stripped the maternity leave clause."

The Chinook's Edge board doesn't meet again until May 8.

Meanwhile, the board has responded to a letter from the local ATA asking for the board's view on Bill 12, the Education Services Settlement Act which forced teachers into binding arbitration.

"The teachers of Chinook's Edge ATA local No. 17 would like to know the Chinook's Edge Board's position on the Education Services Settlement Act (Bill 12) imposed by the government using closure," Worsfold said in a March 25 letter.

"This act flagrantly attempts to strip the teachers in this jurisdiction of basic democratic freedoms of speech and association. Have you and if you have

not, do you intend to respond to this bill?"

In response, board chairman Roy Brassard sent a letter to Worsfold saying the board has discussed the March 25 letter.

"It continues to be the position of this board that the key to successful negotiations in Chinook's Edge School Division is predicated upon the ability of the local ATA and Board negotiating committees to sit down together and resolve local issues," Brassard said.

In the same letter calling for Chinook's Edge trustee resignations, Worsfold called the board's response to Bill 12 "evasive and non-committal."

"Even though Bill 12 has removed the possibility of dealing with class size, pupil teacher-ratios, or maximum instructional time for teachers, and the minister of learning has encouraged all Boards to return to the negotiating table, the Board has made no effort to do so."

No new negotiations between Chinook's Edge and the local ATA were scheduled at press time.

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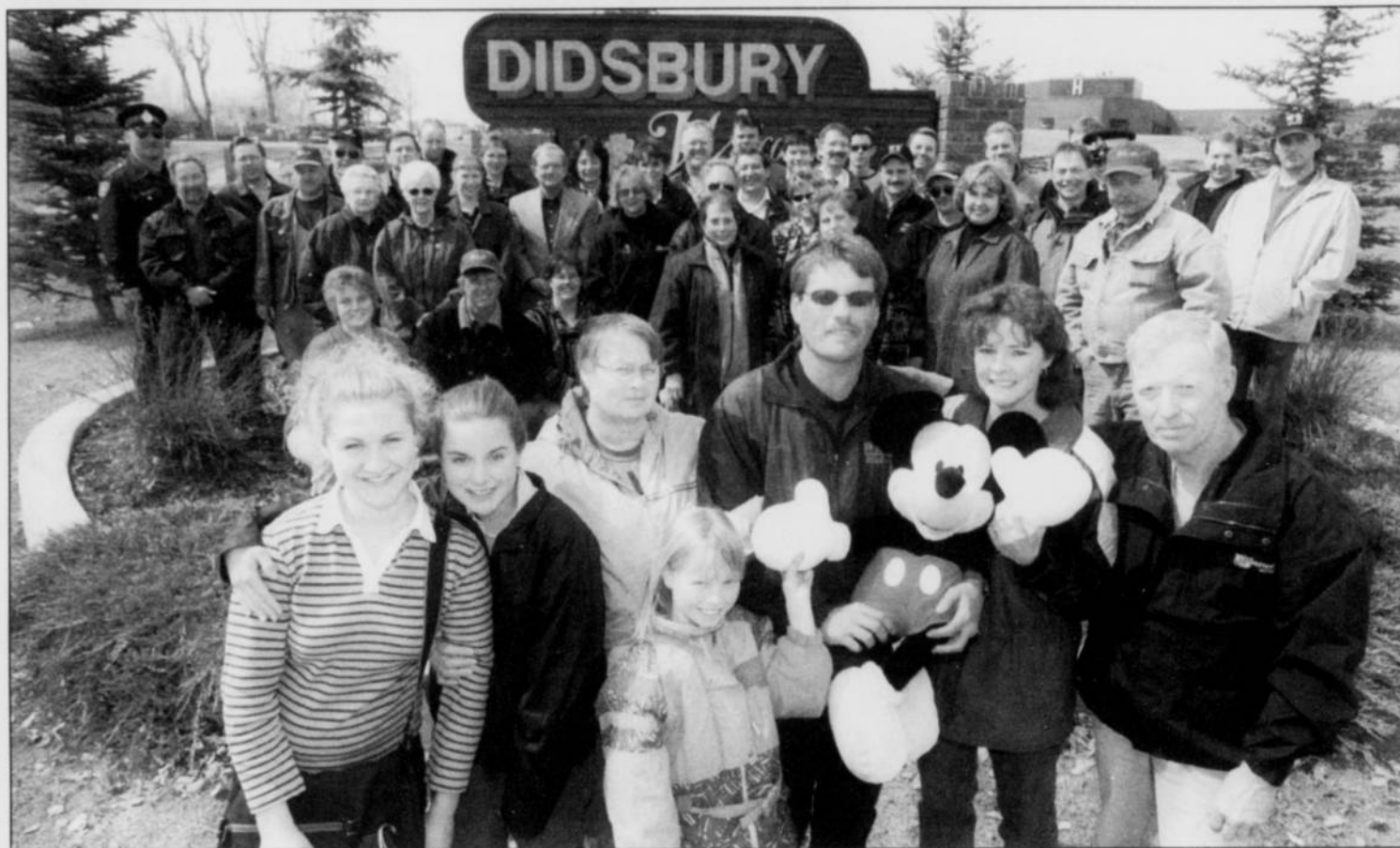


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The Pride Family (foreground) will be going to Disney World, thanks to the community that stands behind them. Darcy Pride was diagnosed with ALS late last year and the trip will be a memory the family will remember forever.

photo by Carla Victor

# COMMUNITY PRIDE

## *Didsburians send Pride family on a trip of a lifetime*

by Carla Victor

A priceless gift to the Pride family of Didsbury, in their darkest hour, will be remembered by the family forever.

It was a simple statement about a wish most families share, that began an inspirational story of community love.

It was April 11 when Dan Peters, a Didsbury realtor, was talking to a business acquaintance, Becky Pride, when she said it was her and her husband Darcy's dream to take their children, Jennifer, 16, and Ashley, 8, to Disneyland.

None of this would be remarkable or even special if it weren't for the fact that Darcy was diagnosed with ALS and it isn't known how much longer he will be able to fully enjoy the simple pleasure of seeing his family's dream come true.

ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease) is a rapidly progressive muscular disease that attacks nerves the body uses to send messages from the brain to the muscles. ALS eventually results in complete paralysis.

The average life expectancy is 2.5 years after diagnosis - Darcy was diagnosed one month ago.

Dan felt he had to do something. He had never fund-raised for anything before so when he met up with Evan Parliament, Didsbury's CAO, later that day,

the two men conspired to grant this wish.

They enlisted the help of Deb Whitmore, a family friend of the Prides, and barely one week later they were able to make a dream come true.

The three began to ask for donations, Evan and Dan visited three key businesses, who do not want to be named, and by the end of the first day, 30 per cent of the final total was raised.

Once word got out people began coming out of the woodwork to help a family, many didn't even know.

"In my wildest dreams I didn't think we would be able to raise this much money so quickly," said Evan. "It was unconditional. People handed money to me as I walked down the street, we hardly had to ask."

The whole town seemed to want to help. Hockey teams pulled together to donate, people passed the hat around at work and one man even went door-to-door. Not one person asked for a tax receipt or recognition of any kind.

"We were trying to keep it a secret," said Dan, "somehow the whole town managed to keep it a secret so Darcy and Becky would be surprised when we presented the gift to them on April 19."

The day came to present the gift. Deb concocted a story so she could be with Darcy and

Becky when Dan and Evan arrived. Evan works for the Town of Didsbury as does Darcy and Dan catered Darcy and Becky's wedding when he owned the deli before becoming a Realtor, so when the two of them came up the driveway Becky became anxious, wondering what was wrong, said Deb.

Dan and Evan were also nervous.

"I knew it would be emotional. I wondered how they would accept it, this isn't a family that expects a handout and they might not want to accept it," said Dan.

"I wanted them to know this would be more than a trip. I wanted them to know the whole town cares about them and we will be there to support them."

Evan knew Darcy well, besides working together for many years they are both sports fanatics and played hockey and baseball together.

He was sure that accepting help would be a new thing for Darcy.

"Let's just say that Darcy could always take care of himself - he held his own on and off the ice," said Evan.

The men presented Darcy and Becky with a photo album - the first few pages filled with brochures and maps detailing where they would be going on their trip and the majority of the pages left empty, for the family to fill with their own memo-

ries.

The Prides would be spending two all-inclusive weeks in Florida.

The trip included car rental, first class accommodations, and enough money to ensure the family would have the time of their lives.

Special passes to Disneyworld, were also included thanks to a compassion program at the park. The Prides will have complete access to the amusement park and not have to wait in any lines.

"I've never seen Becky speechless before, but she was at that moment," laughed Deb.

"The whole family was bouncing off the walls, they couldn't believe it," added Dan.

Both Becky and Darcy were humbled to find out so many people could care so much.

"You tend to feel that why would people do this for you. It was overwhelming to know that many people know and support us," said Becky. Deb describes the gift with one word, love.

"Love is the only word that can describe this, when it comes down to it Didsbury is a community that works by love." Evan agrees, "this community has reason to stand proud. I don't know of any other community that could have pulled this off as fast as Didsbury did."

News of Didsbury's community spirit and generosity has

spread nation wide. The Calgary Sun gave the Pride story front page coverage and Darcy, Becky and Dan are scheduled to appear on Canada AM, April 30.

Although the Prides are a private family, they plan to use this opportunity to make people aware of this devastating disease.

"We have talked about it and decided to use this opportunity to spread knowledge about ALS and try to give back to the ALS Society for all the support they are giving us," said Becky.

The ALS Society raises funds to research a cure and to provide necessary equipment, such as wheelchairs and many other tools, to help people with ALS.

Dan has been receiving calls from strangers wanting to provide continued assistance and he is truly grateful.

If you would like more information please contact Dan Peters at 335-3377. If you would like more information about the ALS Society and the Walk to D'Feet ALS, scheduled for September, contact Cheryl at 335-4764.

"People need to remember that this is a sad story, one that doesn't end when their vacation is over and their plane touches down," said Evan.

"There are some things this community can't do to help, but what we can do we will," echoed Dan.

# OPINIONS EDITORIAL

## A wonderful gift



**RICHARD WESTLUND**  
EDITORIAL

In a world that can be harsh and cruel, it was reassuring for the soul that Didsburians were able to remember the importance of life as they did an incredible thing for a local family.

Thanks to the organization of a few individuals who saw the potential in neighbours and the foresight and ambition of making a dream come true, and thanks to the generosity of neighbours that believed in that dream, a great deal of good was done for a family that is going

through a hard time together.

The collective efforts of Didsburians have enabled two children and a wife to build memories for the rest of their lives.

When Darcy Pride was diagnosed with ALS people offered to help the Pride family anyway they could. To send them on a vacation to Disney World should warm the heart and soul of all those involved.

To deal with a debilitating disease like this the family had to pull together and they have done that. But the way the community pulled together is more gratifying.

The Didsbury Lodge finally got the letter of support from County Council which will allow them to apply for more dollars for the lodge.

Initially, Council decided to table the motion because they had qualms about giving a letter because they felt the wording of the letter could commit them further than they wanted to be. Mountain View County Council was the last municipality to sign the letter, when they had a chance to be a leader in the initiative.

Also it was reassuring to see the number of concerned people attend the County meeting to help support the lodge. There is little doubt the mass of bodies reaffirmed the need for a lodge in Didsbury and the necessity of getting on with the project. If the lodge is able to get monies from the provincial and federal government and a letter is all the criteria that is needed, then municipalities should step up to the plate immediately instead of playing a waiting game.

## ♥ Ponderings of the heart ♥

### "Out of the Mouths of Babes"

by Margaret Fradley

Recently my husband celebrated his 80th birthday. It was indeed a very special day with all our children present and our grandchildren ranging from ages 1 to 16 as excited as can be, the little ones loving the balloons and all the festivities.

Following the celebration we all gathered for a quiet evening just to reflect and enjoy one another's company. The children were having a good time, and began to sing "Happy Birthday dear Grampa over and over, when suddenly our youngest grandson who had just turned three, began to sing "Happy Birthday" and when it came to sing "dear Grampa" he said to the others, "No, this one's for Gramma" so they had to sing to me as well. It was just as though that little soul had picked up that everything that day was geared to Grampa, and that of course is what it was meant to be, but he suddenly thought maybe Gramma could do with a song.

This seemingly small event, had a deep impact on me, it was something totally unexpected and had so much heart in it. These little ones can teach us, show us so much, and it seems there is no end to their just.



Barry  
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## MLA COLUMN

## Positive developments made in teachers' contract dispute

As your MLA, I am pleased to provide you with news of a positive development in the teachers' contract dispute. The government, the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) and the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) have reached an agreement that will directly benefit Alberta's students and help maintain our world class learning system.

First and foremost, the agreement restores extracurricular activities. The ATA is recommending that teachers end their withdrawal of services such as coaching sports or facilitating clubs and other activities. In the interest of students, teachers have also agreed to mark June diploma exams. This is great news for students.

Teachers are valuable professionals that make a real difference in our education system and the success of our children. In recognition of their important contributions, the government has included in the agreement its commitment to cover the teachers' portion of the unfunded liability of their pension for one year. Teachers will see this

benefit on their pay cheques sometime in the next school year.

The agreement also brings new clarity to the ongoing arbitration process. The government, ATA and ASBA have agreed to the approaches that may be taken to working condition issues and on the financial capacity of school boards. With this joint understanding in place, the arbitration process can move forward smoothly and the ATA will not pursue legal action. In addition, both teachers and school boards will be consulted in the planning for the upcoming long-term review of Alberta's education system.

This is a good faith agreement in an effort to move forward in the best interests of students. The Alberta Teachers' Association and the Alberta School Boards Association should be commended for their co-operation and their efforts towards reaching this vital agreement. We have turned a corner and the government is looking forward to working with teachers and school boards to further strengthen our shared commitment to Alberta's students.



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# FROM THE MAILBAG

## Trustees should resign

Dear Mr. Brassard:

The teachers of A.T.A. Local # 17, through a unanimous motion of Local Council, believe that Chinook's Edge trustees should, in good conscience, resign their positions. The inability of members of the Board of Education to carry out their duties as trustees as demonstrated by their failure to strive to achieve a resolution to the labour strife of the past year leaves no other option.

Since April of 2001, the negotiation committee of the Board of Education has made no attempt to engage in meaningful negotiations. In fact, the only written proposal, given 72 hours before a strike was to commence, was of such a nature as to ensure that no resolution was possible. The obvious conclusion is that the Board preferred the student's of Chinook's Edge to be without instruction rather than engage in meaningful discussions as so many other boards had done.

Trustees have consistently blamed the provincial A.T.A. for the labour difficulties, however they have chosen to follow the direction of the Alberta School Boards Association in presenting 80 proposed changes to the current collective agreement many of which strip the agreement of every meaningful clause relative to teacher welfare.

Included in this stripping was a particular clause intended to ensure the effective integration of special needs students into the regular classroom.

Teachers were insulted by the issuance of a lockout order presented under the pretense that an orderly return to work could only be achieved under

the direction of the Board of Trustees.

The integrity of Chinook's Edge teachers has been attacked throughout the process by the Board's actions, regardless of its suggestions that the teachers' negotiation committee was failing to represent the interests of local teachers and was dealing only with provincial issues.

This statement was made in juxtaposition to Board demands, which included the removal of administrators from the collective agreement and stripped the maternity leave clause.

When asked by teachers of A.T.A. Local #17 to explain their position on Bill 12, the Board's response was evasive and non-committal. Even though Bill 12 has removed the possibility of dealing with class size, pupil teacher ratios, or maximum instructional time for teachers, and the minister of learning has encouraged all Boards to return to the negotiating table, the Board has made no effort to do so. At this point it is apparent that the resignation of trustees is necessary in order to prepare the ground for a positive rebuilding of trust and relationships.

Sincerely,  
Bob Worsfold,  
Local ATA President

## Safety is a priority at Didsbury's Skateboard Park

Dear Editor,

I would first like to thank Richard for his interest in the new skateboard area that has been located south and east of the Didsbury Memorial Complex.

Sometimes adverse publicity and comments regarding such projects can generate as much interest as positive spins to a story!

The Town of Didsbury is very proud of its proactive participation in Risk Management strategies and initiatives and we believe that we pay very close attention to avoiding liabilities and to limiting risks of community residents, facility users, and employees in our pursuit to provide as much recreation and active living opportunities to residents as possible.

I would have been pleased to be able to provide the following information to the Review if they would have inquired; however, I will take this opportunity to let our residents know that completion of the skateboard park is near!

During the week of May 6th, the company contracted to install a six-foot fence around the park will be doing so. Equipment has been selected and will be ordered pending approval of spending. In the meantime, signage has been ordered that will hang on the skateboard park fence

once installed. Guidelines for use will include hours of use, expected behavior, parking restrictions around the area, noise restrictions, attention to garbage, required safety equipment for users, and will address unauthorized use, as well. A "no foul language" guideline is also to be posted with the guidelines.

This information was all detailed in the development permit application that was placed in the Review in October and November of 2001.

The concept to build a skateboard park started in 1998. Continued solicitation to form a skateboard association has achieved the involvement of six parents/interested adults working on this project together with many, many interested youth and the Town. We are grateful to Pat St. John, Angela Nygaard, Melanie Lapalla, Andy Abel, for their involvement in seeing this project through and to spending their time to ensure that our youth have access to a decent skateboard area.

This park will soon be completed and prior to installation of the fencing, we, too, encourage all youth to play and skateboard safely.

Rhonda Hunter, Director of Community Services

## Local man would like his land respected

To the Editor,

Is this a dump or what?

During the last two years I have been constantly picking up bags of garbage off of our hayland. The hayland is South of where they are building houses. I have told the workers about it but it is still being done. People think our hayland is a "DOG RUN", they bring their dogs in our field and let them do their job - don't gather it up - just leave it there. I have posted "SIGNS" to keep out. Children play on our hayland with quads & motorbikes. I have told them not to be there. If they don't quit coming there or garbage being thrown there, further action will be taken.

I am not a garbage collector.

Calvin Dick  
Didsbury, Alta

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This program will be offered in Didsbury on May 17 at 10:30 a.m. in the Education Room at the Didsbury Hospital.

To register, please contact Colleen at 335-7292.

Out of respect for our dear friend and colleague Debbie Larson, who passed away on the weekend, the Vernon Good Law Office will be closed all day Wednesday, May 1st.

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• Regular Council: May 8, 2002	• Corporate Services: May 14, 2002
• MPC: May 22, 2002	• Community Services: May 28, 2002

**NOTICE**

The Assessment & Tax notices were mailed April 26, 2002. The Assessment Roll is open for inspection at the Town Office, 2037-19 Avenue. Assessment appeals must be received by May 27, 2002. If you have any questions, please call 335-3391.

**NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

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• DP 32-02	6 Rosebud Bay	Single Family Dwelling	R4
• DP 33-02	1332-24 Street	Garage	R2
• DP 34-02	1518 Mary Place	Single Family Dwelling (with waiver of rear yard)	R2
• DP 35-02	2311-19 Street	Recycling Center	I1

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Ave. or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on May 15, 2002.

Robert Wigg - Development Officer

## Threat letters to "shoot" prompt school action

*Chinook's Edge School Division and police hold press conference regarding disturbing notes*

by Dan Singleton

RCMP officers continue to search for the person or persons responsible for writing five threatening notes aimed at police and an unidentified school in the division, officials said Monday.

The notes were found in one bundle in an Innisfail shopping mall washroom on April 23. The threats were very non-specific as to the school, but the threats were directed to occur on Monday the 29th at noon.

At least one of the undated notes included the word "shoot", RCMP Sgt. Ed Plitz told a press conference Monday afternoon.

"We would sure like to identify the author," said Plitz.

There were no incidents reported at any Chinook's Edge schools on Monday. Several additional officers were put on standby.

No suspects had been charged at press time, although a number of interviews have taken place and others are planned.

"We're not looking at everyone we interview as a suspect, but for the most part it is students we have been talking to," he said.

Police have not ruled out the possibility the school in question could be in Sundre, Olds or Didsbury. All schools were issued warnings, and the Innisfail school was patrolled by officers. No schools were evacuated.

Citing past shooting incidents at Taber, Alberta and Columbine, Colorado, Chinook's Edge superintendent

Jim Gibbons said a number of precautions were taken at all division schools.

He said those moves included locking all school doors, with the front entrances of schools kept under constant supervision, two staff members being posted at the entrances, constant communication was maintained with RCMP, lockdown procedures were held in readiness, and students were required to remain indoors for recesses.

"Whereas we were watching the other schools as well, our main focus was in Innisfail," said Gibbons. "We are treating this situation very seriously. We are doing all we can to ensure the safety of our students. Their safety is our utmost priority."

"When we learned about the notes, we put our own safety procedures in place. We decided to keep our schools open based on the RCMP opinion that it was safe to do so. We notified all schools."

"The parents were told if they phoned in, but we did not specifically send out any notes to parents. Because we didn't have a direct threat against any specific school, we chose not to send any notification to parents."

All schools in the division have emergency plans in place, he noted.

In a letter issued to all parents in the division, the school board advised parents to "stick to the facts" when discussing the situation.

"It is also imperative that we take this opportunity and any others to consider the interventions we can offer at home. Minimize games of violence, demonstrate mature conflict resolution skills, and listen to your child when they have concerns about peers, or other challenging relationships."

The RCMP investigation is continuing. Anyone with information about the notes is being asked to contact any RCMP detachment or Crime Stoppers.

## COURT NEWS

# Charges dismissed following senior's death

by Dan Singleton

Charges laid against an area truck driver following the death of a 78-year-old Carstairs woman in an automobile accident last summer have been dismissed.

Christopher Van Arnham faced charges of careless driving and attempting to pass when unsafe to do so.

Van Arnham's one-day trial was held in Didsbury provincial court in March, with Judge McDonald handing down his decision on April 24.

Patricia Wiebe, 78, was a passenger in an automobile involved in a two-vehicle crash on Hwy 580 west of Carstairs on June 11, 2001.

During trial testimony, the accused said he was following a westbound Oldsmobile on the highway when the car slowed as it approached a rural route intersection.

The accused attempted to slow his three-axle freight liner tandem truck, but realizing he was about to rear end the vehicle, he decided to pass

on the left.

"I thought that going past her was the safest way out," he testified. "I saw one flash of the signal before her tail-lights disappeared under the hood."

The two vehicles collided and Wiebe was killed in the subsequent crash.

Janelle Sharon Taylor, the driver of the Oldsmobile, testified she could not remember whether or not she signalled to turn.

"I would not have turned if I did not think it was safe," Taylor testified.

Van Arnham and Taylor suffered minor injuries in the accident.

**"It's just a straight accident. I cannot convict."**

Truck driver Todd Shoemaker witnessed the crash. He testified he did not notice whether or not the Oldsmobile signalled.

In passing judgment, McDonald said he was satisfied the crash was a tragic mishap.

"It's just a straight accident," said McDonald. "I cannot convict."

The judge dismissed both charges against Van Arnham.

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- What are the best ways of paying for roads and highways, schools and hospitals, and other major capital projects over the long term?
- What improvements could be made to planning budgets, managing during the year, and reporting to Albertans?

The Commission welcomes written submissions, including an executive summary, from Albertans on these and other questions related to Alberta's finances. The deadline for submissions is May 15th.

More information on the Commission's mandate, background on current accounting and budget practices, details for submissions and information on the public forums is available on the Commission's website at [www.albertafmc.com](http://www.albertafmc.com) or by calling (780) 427-8808. Outside of Edmonton dial 310-0000 then dial (780) 427-8808 for toll free access.

Submissions can be forwarded to:

Al Craig, Executive Director,  
Financial Management Commission  
Room 434, Terrace Building  
9515 - 107th Street  
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2C3

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# More rural doctors means strong local health care

by Rosemary Austen

John Overwater, President of the Rosebud Health Foundation (a local body dedicated to healthcare), is urging Health 5 to make a solidified effort to get behind the issue of doctor availability and turnover in the region.

"Maintaining doctors (in the area) is critical if the community wants to have a viable health system," he said. He is growing tired of seeing money funneled out of the local sys-

tems to other regions that offer similar services. "The dollars follow the patients," he explained.

"Every time a patient leaves the region, that money leaves with them."

There is no doubt Health Authority 5 wants to slow down the migration of patents heading to other regions like Calgary Health or David Thompson.

Maintaining qualified doctors in Didsbury and Carstairs would go a long way in achiev-

ing that goal.

"Having more (accessible health care) in the area would allow patients to access more services locally and stay within the Authority," said Overwater. "We would be able to keep that money and reinvest it within the region."

Unfortunately, attracting doctors to the area is difficult. A shortage of doctors is an issue that plagues the entire Alberta Health Care System - especially the rural areas that have fewer services to lure in practitioners. It has become more difficult for small communities to entice doctors to the

area.

Al Martin sympathizes with local concerns. "We hear the same frustrations in other communities," he said. He maintains the board is actively working to recruit doctors and qualified health professionals to the area.

He pointed out there is a new physician in Didsbury and they anticipate one in Carstairs soon.

Promoting doctors to the area is one challenge, keeping them is another.

The Rosebud Foundation plans to go to great lengths to keep doctors.

"We have to create the environment where doctors want to stay," said Overwater who pointed to enhancing facilities and services as a way to encourage doctors to stick around.

Al Martin agrees community support is critical.

"We have to create an environment where they want to stay," he admits.

Martin also touched on service delivery. He says a key focus of health in Didsbury will benefit from ongoing communication with Olds.

"We have to ask if we can share services."

## IN THE COURTS

### Drunk driver almost in collision with police

A 20-year-old drunk driver who narrowly missed hitting a police car during an incident in Olds last month has been fined.

Sean Michael McClunie pleaded guilty to a charge of driving with a blood alcohol level greater than 80 mg per cent.

The accused was stopped on Hwy 27 near Olds early on the morning of March 22 after police noticed him driving erratically, court heard.

The police vehicle had to take evasive action to avoid a collision with McClunie's vehicle, prosecutor Danny Elliott said.

The accused's blood alcohol level was 180 mg per cent.

"Clearly you drank but you drank to an excessive amount," said Judge Delong. "Those who drink and drive leave far too many victims behind."

The judge fined McClunie \$1,150 and prohibited him from driving for one year.

#### Possession of marijuana leads to fine

A 22-year-old man arrested after police spotted him smoking marijuana outside a Didsbury lounge earlier this month has been fined.

Robert Charles McCart pleaded guilty to charges of possession of a controlled substance, failure to appear in court and fraud.

The accused had a small amount of marijuana on his person when he was arrested on Apr. 16, court heard.

In an unrelated matter, the accused admitted not paying for an \$80 meal in Calgary some years ago. He also admitted failing to attend a scheduled court hearing.

Judge Delong fined the accused a total of \$690.

#### Drunk driver fined

An area man charged with drunk driving after being arrested in Olds earlier this month has been fined.

Gregory Brain McMullen pleaded guilty on Apr. 24 to a charge of driving with a blood alcohol level greater than 80 mg per cent.

The accused was stopped during a routine police check on Apr. 7 shortly after 4 a.m., court heard.

Judge McDonald fined the man \$600 and prohibited him from driving for one year.

#### Boy caused \$5,000 damage to car

A 17-year-old Olds boy who stole a car and then caused about \$5,000 damage to the vehicle has been fined.

The youth, who cannot be named, pleaded guilty to several charges on Apr. 24 including theft over \$5,000, breach of probation and failing to comply with a court order.

On Apr. 7 the accused and another individual took keys to the car from an area bar and made off with the vehicle, court heard.

When the vehicle was eventually recovered it had been extensively damaged.

The boy also admitted ignoring a court order issued following a previous unrelated conviction that he attend school. As well, he admitted failing to pay full restitution following the earlier conviction.

The accused spent 20 days in custody prior to last week's court appearance.

Judge McDonald sentenced the boy to time served, fined him \$300, and ordered him to complete 20 hours of community service.

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Guest Speaker



Darrel Janz

Co-Ancor and Co-producer of CFCN News, Calgary

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF DIDSBURY LAND USE BY-LAW 00-08

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of Didsbury has passed first reading of a By-law to amend the present Land Use By-Law 00-08 Map Schedule A as follows:

1) That portion of land known as:

Lot 21, Block 4, Plan 9211481 - 1821-17 Street

Lot 22, Block 4, Plan 9211481 - 1901-17 Street,

be redesignated from the present R2 (General Residential) District to R5 (Residential - High Density) District as per the attached map.

A public hearing prior to second and third reading of the proposed By-law will be held, May 8, 2002, commencing at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town of Didsbury Municipal Office, 2037-19 Avenue.

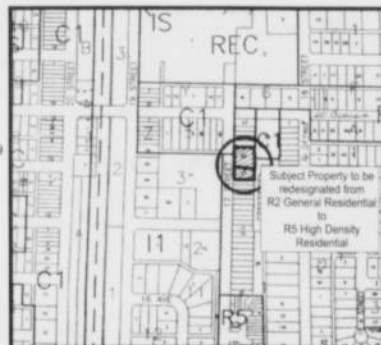
The hearing will be conducted under the chairmanship of the Mayor, or her designated person, for the purpose of hearing opinions and comments and/or objections to the proposed By-law.

The style of the hearing will be informal and persons wishing to speak will be requested to state their name and address for the record upon being recognized by the Chairman. Opportunities to speak will not be restricted, but recognition to speak will be at the discretion of the Chairman. Written responses will also be accepted up until 12:00 noon May 8, 2002.

The public may inspect a copy of the proposed Land Use By-law amendments at the Town of Didsbury Municipal Office, 2038-19 Avenue, during regular office hours 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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DATE OF SECOND PUBLICATION of this notice: May 1, 2002

Robert Wigg  
Planning and Development Officer



# Lifestyles

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## VOLUNTEERISM

## Former nurse recognized as Volunteer of the Year

by Richard Westlund

Last week Annie Pringle was honoured as a devout Didsbury Hospital volunteer. But her efforts in her community are far reaching.

Hospital volunteers were honoured last week with a wine and cheese event where Pringle was honoured for her many years of service at the local facility when she was named volunteer of the year.

"It gives me great pleasure to accept this award on behalf of my colleagues and myself," said Pringle, shortly after being named the award's recipient. "I really love volunteering here and it is obvious the residents appreciate the efforts. It is up to us to make sure they are able to enjoy (life)."

Pringle is the longest and oldest member in the Hospital Auxiliary, established in 1964. She served as Secretary/Treasurer for many years as well as doing the schedule for the Tuck Cart and Meals on Wheels. She was also instrumental on the Volunteer Bursary committee. She received "A Life Time Membership" in the Alberta Hospital A.H.A.A. (Alberta Hospital Auxiliary Association).

Volunteering at the hospital was a natural choice for Pringle. She received her R.N. training in Edmonton at the Royal Alexander and worked for over 25 years for the Mountain View Health Care Center for Didsbury District Health Services. She was the Matron (team leader or head nurse) of continuing care.

But Pringle's dedication to her community extends far beyond the realm of the Hospital walls.

She joined the Royal Purple Ladies on March 1, 1972 and served as Honoured Royal Lady 1978-79 as well as three years as trustee. She also served as catering chairman and looked after publicity. She has a life membership in the Royal Purple and in March 2002, she received her 30 year service pin.

In 1989 she was a founder

*"I really love volunteering here and it is obvious the residents appreciate the efforts. It is up to us to make sure they are able to enjoy (life)."*

of Didsbury Life Line and now serves as a director.

Pringle has also been a dedicated member of the Anglican church for many years. She has been on committees for fundraising and helped out in any way she could.

Pringle is also known for her work with the Didsbury 5-0 club and was instrumental in bringing lawn bowling to Didsbury.

Volunteer Coordinator at the Didsbury Hospital Dawna Faryna raved about the efforts of Pringle and other volunteers at the wine-and-cheese gathering.

"We want you to feel valued for all of the time you give to the hospital," she said, noting it was National Volunteer Week.

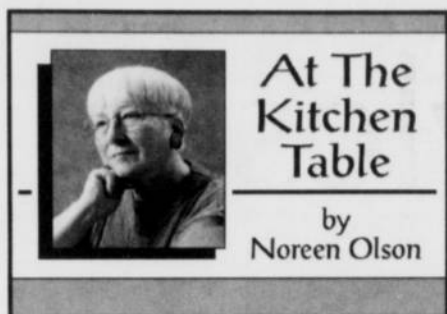
Health Authority 5 Board Member Jim Turner, was on hand for the event and said the hospital faced many ups and downs the past few years but that a constant was the volunteers that continued to come out and do what they could to make a difference.

Pins were passed out to all of the volunteers in attendance accompanied with a poem that stressed the importance of volunteerism.



Annie Pringle, a long time volunteer at the Didsbury hospital and at other organizations throughout Didsbury, was named as the 2002 Volunteer of the Year.





## At The Kitchen Table

by  
Noreen Olson

### IT'S A BOY

Jonas Isaac Sanders was born Tuesday April 23, 2002 at 9:32 PM. He weighs 8 pounds 9 oz and he is 21 inches tall. He has blue eyes and light brown hair. He has chubby cheeks, a hint of a dimple in his chin, ears that lie flat to his well shaped head and generous hands and feet. He is, as most babies are, perfect, beautiful and miraculous. He is our first grandchild and we are in a state of bemused rapture.

There have been times when we despaired of ever attaining grandparent status and now that we have reached that exalted state we plan to enjoy every minute. Dear little Jonas we can hardly wait to introduce you to all the things that we hold dear and important. Will we, and you, have time to learn all the things we would like to teach you and see all the things that we want to show you. Is it too early to sing you the songs that babies should hear and tell you the stories that we need to tell. How soon can you start memorizing poems and identifying birds and flowers? How big is big enough to ride on the Gator with Grandpa, look through the telescope, climb the big rock, throw stones into puddles, pick peas and raspberries, scale fences, chase the cats and the big farm dog.

We have total confidence in your Mom and Dad to see to your religious education, school, security, food, love, clothes, health, cleanliness and general welfare and we know that even without us they are perfectly capable of teaching you to be a thoughtful, honest, caring and good person but we want to be a part of the really vital stuff. We want to help you become part of the world that shaped your Mom, changing seasons, planting and harvest, great black starry skies, coyote howls, trees, birds, farm animals, gardens and flowers, fresh vegetables that you picked yourself, falling in the creek, watching things grow, waiting for rosebuds to open, chasing cows and finding kittens.

You are going to learn that your Grandpa Olson is strong, warm, gentle and quiet. He will love you unconditionally and if you behave yourself and ask nicely he will find it hard not to grant your every wish. He does not care for loud noises and unnecessary screaming. Neither do I, but I hope that when you are noisy and messy I am more patient with you than I was with your Mom and her brothers. I will try to be sweet and grand motherly but I will probably yell if you knock over your milk, and I do not appreciate finger prints on walls, feet on furniture or sticky spots anywhere. I think that children should be able to sit still at the dinner table, allowing maybe a short break between the main course and dessert but please do not plan on wandering around during meals. Even very small children should know not to pull the leaves off of plants or smack glass topped coffee tables with antique sugar bowls but maybe I can put away a few of the more delicate things and nobody gets punished for having a genuine accident. I promise to always give you the benefit of the doubt.

We hope that you will let us read to you a lot and I hope you will not be afraid of butterflies and beetles but maybe a little bit afraid of moths and spiders because I really don't like them at all. We hope you are curious and funny and kind and gentle. I hope you like Dr. Seuss, Winnie the Pooh, Robert Munsch, Raggedy Anne and Dairy Queen and I hope Grandpa and I are still around when you grow into W.O. Mitchell, Paul Hiebert, James Thurber, Graham Greene, Dickens, Leacock, Faulkner, Ferguson and haute cuisine.

Welcome to the world Jonas, we hope it's a bright and happy place for you and that it is filled with adventures that don't scare the wits out of your Grandparents. We are so glad that you are here.

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by Noreen Olson

## Didsbury Ag Society News

by Marge St. Clair

1. Cost estimates for the improvements at the new land site were presented by the following committees, Rodeo Grounds, Well, Shed.  
2. Sponsorships - Please be sure you contact your rodeo and or fair sponsors.

Connie has a master list.

3. A meeting with the town will be held to discuss agreements and bookings.

4. Exhibition Grounds - Discussions for priorities for spending and arena construction were lengthy. Mike volunteered to get the figures for building costs.

5. Grants were discussed.

6. The Farmers Market will begin on Wed. May 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Curling Rink.

7. The next meeting will be Wed. May 1st in the Hogline Room at the Curling Rink at 7:30 p.m.

## Olds Legion # 105 May News

by Marge St. Clair

### Entertainment Mon. May 6

Bus to Red Deer Cash Casino, pick up tickets by Fri. May 3.

### Sat. May 11

Branch #105 Honors & Awards. Cocktails 6 p.m., dinner 7:00 p.m., awards 8:15 p.m.

### Wed. May 15

Stage West in Calgary, leaving the Legion at 10:00 a.m. Pick up tickets by Sat. May 11th. "Damn Yankees".

### May 10 & 12

Karen Churchill

### May 24 & 25

Taylor & Taylor

Every Monday - Cribbage - 7:30 p.m.

Every Wednesday - Bingo - 7:15 p.m.

Every Thursday - Bridge - 7:30 p.m.

Every Friday - Trivia - 6:00 p.m.

Every Saturday - Horse Races/meat draws - 5:00 p.m.

Old Tyme Jam Session on Thursday evenings 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Seniors Luncheons 12:00 noon.

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NOTES FROM NIGERIA

## Focus on the Family



**QUESTION:** My wife works hard to teach my sons to respect me as their father, and that makes my job with them easier.

Even when she is upset with me, she never lets the kids know about it.

Don't you think that is generous of her?

**DR. DOBSON:** She's not only generous — she's a wise woman, too. Mothers can help bond the generations together or they can drive a wedge between them.

This concept was expressed beautifully in a book entitled "Fathers and Sons" by Lewis Yablonsky (Simon & Schuster).

The author observed that mothers are the primary interpreters of fathers' personality, character and integrity to their sons.

In other words, the way boys see their fathers is largely a product of the things their mothers have said and the way they feel about their husbands. In Yablonsky's case, his mother destroyed the respect he might have had for his father.

This is what he wrote. "I vividly recall sitting at the dinner table with my two brothers and father and mother and cringing at my mother's attacks on my father.

'Look at him,' she would say in Yiddish.

'His shoulders are bent down, he's a failure. He doesn't have the courage to get a better job or make more money. He's a beaten man.'

He would keep his eyes pointed toward his place and never answer her.

She never extolled his virtues or persistence or the fact that he worked so hard. Instead she constantly focused on the negative and created an image for his three sons of a man without fight, crushed by a world over which he had no control.

"His not fighting back against her constant criticism had the effect of confirming its validity to her sons. And my mother's treatment and the picture of my father did not convey to me that marriage was a happy state of being, or that women were basically people. I was not especially motivated to assume the role of husband and father myself from my observations of my whipped father."

My overall research clearly supports that the mother is the basic filter and has enormous significance in the father-son relationship.

Though Yablonsky did not say so, it is also true that a father can do great damage to his wife's relationship with their children.

Very early on I found that when I was irritated with Shirley for some reason, my attitude was instantly picked up by our son and daughter.

They seemed to feel, "If Dad can argue with Mom, then we can too."

It became clear to me just how important it was for me to express my love and admiration for Shirley. However, I could never do that job of building respect for my wife as well as she did for me! She made me a king in my own home.

If our son and daughter believed half of what she told them about me, I would have been a fortunate man. The close relationship I enjoy with Danae and Ryan today is largely a product of Shirley's great love for me and the way she "interpreted" me to our kids. I will always be grateful to her for doing that!

**QUESTION:** After reading several excellent books on parenting, I see now that I've been doing many things wrong with my children. Can I undo the harm?

**DR. DOBSON:** I doubt if it is too late to do things right, although your ability to influence your children lessens with the passage of time. Fortunately we are permitted to make many mistakes with our kids. They are resilient and they will usually survive most of our errors in judgment.

It's a good thing they do, because none of us can be a perfect parent. Besides, it's not the occasional mistakes that hurt a child — it is the consistent influence of destructive conditions throughout childhood that does the damage.

# Missionaries worn out from variety of activities

Dear Family and friends,

I have decided that I am just too old for all night activities. We had our discipleship sleep over this past Friday night. It didn't start until 10:00 p.m. because there was a middle school party first. We had a Bible study for the first hour and it was very good. The girls really got involved in the topic and we had a great discussion time. In fact, I kept having to remind them not to interrupt each other. They all wanted to talk at the same time.

The grade 6 boys were also having a sleep over on the compound. Thomas was celebrating his birthday and had all the guys over. Thomas' family lives next to us. They invited the girls to join them for a time of indoor soccer and basketball on the courts from 11:00 to midnight. I wasn't sure the girls would want to but they agreed and all seemed to have a good time. We did try to lay down some rules so that the girls, who are not great athletes, would not be overwhelmed by the guys.

By the time we got back to our house and the girls got changed and their bedrolls situated it was 12:30. We watched "Parent Trap" until 2:30. Then it was lights out and quiet time. The girls that wanted to talk quietly could go to the far bedroom. Those that wanted to sleep could stay in the living room and I slept in the office. Well, they all wanted to talk so went to the bedroom. And they were relatively quiet. At least they were quiet enough that I could sleep. I don't sleep well when I have responsibility for kids but I did get some sleep. I was awake at 6:30 but the girls didn't get up until 7:30. They had made arrangements with the boys to play tag in the morning so I sent them off

while I got breakfast ready. They were back in just a few minutes. They said that they just kept arguing with each other so decided it would be better not to play. They ate breakfast and watched part of another video before they went home.

I was wiped out for the rest of that day and most of today. I could go for a couple hours and then I needed a nap. Even when I was awake I felt listless and tired. Needless to say I didn't get much done. Today after I worked on my Bible study I had about an hour before it was time for church and ended up falling asleep until 10 minutes before church started. After a quick shower though I was at church on time. It helps that it is just a few yards from our house. After church I went to sleep again and slept through lunch. Now I am caught up on my sleep but not on my chores. Fortunately, Wednesday is a holiday. Another day to get some things done.

We have just about a month left of school and as happens every year at this time, the schedules get busy. It seems like everybody has one more great meeting or activity that they want to cram into the time that is left. They are all good things but if you go to all of them there isn't time to do any work. Monday and Tuesday I have at least one meeting scheduled each day. Wednesday there are three meetings but they are optional, though very good topics. Thursday there is a meeting in the evening, highly recom-

mended but not required. I don't think there are any meetings on Friday or Saturday, just the volleyball tournament. Sunday, which is supposed to be a day of rest, has become so booked that we will be going from one event to the next from 10 in the morning until 9 at night. It is no wonder we are all exhausted by the time school gets out at the end of May. But we could just say NO. Sometimes it is difficult because we want to be supportive of what the students are doing as well as the things that feed our souls spiritually and emotionally.

Tonight we had Connections on the Courts, a time for the Middle school students to just hang out with their friends, play basketball, indoor soccer, or 4-square.

We had a prayer time with them and it was good for me. I have been a bit discouraged about Connections because so few students have been coming. We had a bigger crowd tonight and they prayed for us during the pray time expressing thanks that we were willing to take the time so they could have Connections. Some of them also asked for prayer for having the discipline to have a daily quiet time and the strength and courage to put their Christian life into practice in practical ways each day. Better go. It is getting late and I don't need any late nights for awhile.

**Love, Janet for the Snyders**  
Dan and Janet Snyder are former Didsburians who are now doing missionary work in Nigeria.

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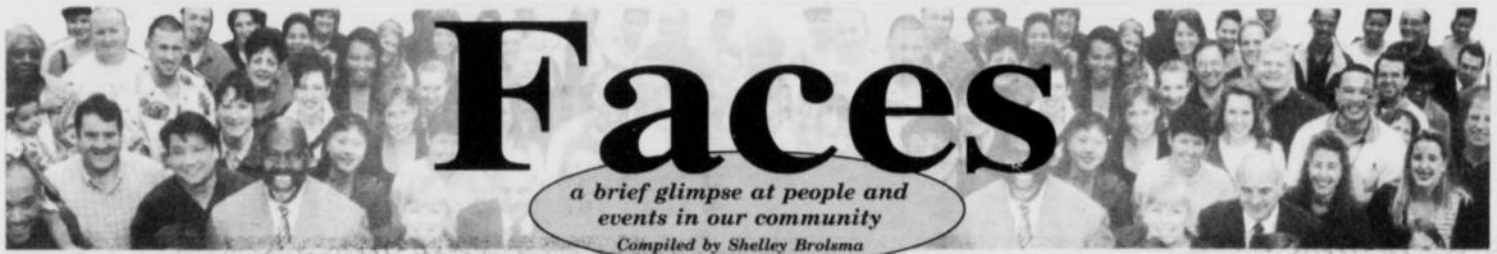
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# Faces

a brief glimpse at people and events in our community

Compiled by Shelley Brotsma

## Work underway to host first ever Didsbury Triathlon



Marc Aubee

In as little as three and a half months Didsbury will be host to their first-ever Triathlon - a "sprint" event incorporating a 750 m swim, 20 km bike and 5 km run.

While that may seem like a lot of work for the participants, the real work for the event will take place long before the starting gun ever fires. The triathlon - being planned for August 17th - may also involve team relays in conjunction with the individual events and a "Kids of Steel" competition for children. It's timing is being carefully aligned to coincide with that of the Didsbury Fair and Rodeo that same weekend.

"We are right now just in the very preliminary planning stages for this to take place," says Marc Aubee, a member of the newly-formed organizing committee. "...Our first meeting was just last week and we are still looking for more representatives to come forward from the community and bring forth their ideas and experiences."

Aubee says the breadth of the new event will be largely dependent on the amount of volunteer participation they are able to obtain. "It's hard to say right now exactly how many volunteers will be necessary, but I know that we are going to

need huge support with the bikes just in case something were to go wrong out on the course. With the swim we will probably have enough support with the lifeguards and workers at the pool already...but then

offset the cost of running the event with any excess to be directed towards charity. "We want to make enough money to be able to put money towards a worthy cause. I know there are lots of them locally here in Didsbury and we will have to take a closer look at exactly where money could offer the most help."

In the meantime, Aubee hopes to recruit more members to the group and in hopes of attracting as many fresh ideas and direction as possible. "Our next meeting is Monday, May 6th at 7:00 pm in the town office. We hope to see more people out."

**"We want to make enough money to be able to put money towards a worthy cause."**

## Didsbury Couple win Dreamhome in hospital lottery

It was no ordinary day at the office for Dale Heinz last Wednesday.

Little did he know when he picked up the phone at his desk that he would receive the call of a lifetime. Dale and his wife Gayle had won a \$440,000.00 showhome - one of the Grand Prizes in the Foothills Home Lottery 2002.

"They called me at work and they said this is so and so from the Foothills Home Lottery and asked me if I was the same Mr. Heinz who purchased a ticket on the lottery. I said yes and

they said congratulations, we have some very good news for you...you have won one of the grand prizes....I figured it was a car or something. I never imagined it could have been the house," says Dale who has been purchasing the \$100.00 tickets on the Lottery for nearly a decade.

"We buy tickets on lots of these kinds of contests...many, many tickets and have never won anything in the past...until now."

The "Millstream 2" Jaymen Master Builder bungalow the

Heinz's' now own, features over 1600 square feet of fully decorated and furnished living space situated on a professionally landscaped property. "I was so surprised," says Gayle after viewing the Calgary Cranston-area home again last week. "...it even includes things like dishes and china."

Dale and his wife Gayle live in Didsbury with Dale's mother, Clara Young. They have two grown children who have moved away. Dale currently works in Airdrie.

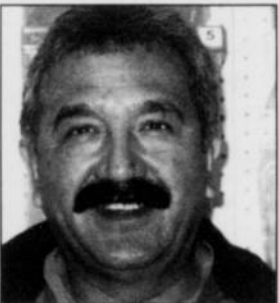


Dale and Gayle Heinz

Gayle in Olds. If they choose to move to their new home, possession would have to take

place sometime after June 7th - the date set by the lottery's organizers.

## Fireman's Cabaret will heat up the night



Rick Mousseau

It may be two weeks away, but plans are already heating up for the upcoming Fireman's Cabaret being held Saturday, May 11th at the Memorial Complex.

Hosted by the Didsbury Fire Department, the annual event is expected to attract over 200 people; if last year's event is any indication. "We usually get a pretty good turnout," says Fire Chief Rick Mousseau.

"We're going to have a deejay come out again this year from Red Deer.

It seemed to work really well in the past - he usually plays a pretty good variety of music. Something for everyone."

And the price is right too. According to Mousseau, ten dollars is all you need to join in on the fun which begins when the doors open at

8:30pm.

Proceeds from the Cabaret will once again be going towards the purchase of equipment needed by the Fire Department. "Last year we were able to buy a new Bush Buggy with the money we had made from this event..." says Mousseau.

Tickets can be purchased from any Fire Department member.

"There's 24 of us, so it should be pretty easy to get a hold of someone to buy a ticket," says Mousseau adding that past years saw membership in the Department as high as 28. "We'd love to get more members if we could."

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer member is encouraged to give Mousseau a call or come out to the firehall during one of the practices.

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## AROUND THE CIRCLE

# Tenth year for Show and Shine

by Marge St. Clair

**Wed. May 1**

The Didsbury Ag Society will meet tonight in the Hogline Room at the Curling Rink at 7:30 p.m.

**Thurs. May 2**

The monthly meeting of the Hospital Auxiliary will start at 2:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room. New members always welcome.

**Fri. May 3**

The Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is at the Westglen School at 7:30 a.m. Tickets are available at the Town Office, Didsbury Drugs, Contemporary Graphics.

**Fri. May 3**

This is the day you must have your reservation and MONEY in to Bea 335-3058 or Florence at 335-3327 to go on the bus to the show "Damn Yankees" at Stage West on Wed. May 29th.

**Fri. May 3**

The cribbage tournament will start at 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foot Hall at the Train Station. Everyone welcome.

**Sat. May 4**

This is Didsbury's 3rd annual Arbor Day and it is being held at the Playground at the Memorial Complex. There will be a general clean up at 10:00 a.m. 2 ceremonial Tree Plantings at 11:30 a.m. and a prize draw at 12:00 p.m. The Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board invite you to come and help.

**Sat. May 4**

The monthly cribbage tournament will be held at the Elks Hall play starts at 7:30 p.m. Phone Jim or Sharon at 335-3481 to register and all details.

**Sat. May 4**

The Spring Tea will be held at Knox United Church from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. There will be bake tables, plant sale and a white elephant table. Everyone welcome.

**Wed. May 8**

The Annual Florence Nightingale Tea is being held from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the D.D.H.S. Unit #3 Dining Room. There is door prizes and a raffle. More details from Betty at 335-7277. Everyone welcome.

**Wed. May 8**

There will be a pot luck dinner at the 5-0 Centre at 12:30 p.m. Bring your favourite casserole, salad or dessert and enjoy.

**Wed. May 8**

The Didsbury Ag Soci-

ety are having the first Farmers Market tonight at the Curling Rink starting at 6:00 p.m. Everyone welcome. Please phone Laura at 335-4252 to rent a table.

**Sat. May 11**

The Westcott Community are holding the Annual Garage Sale at the Westcott Hall from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

**Sat. May 11**

This is the 10th anniversary of "Show and Shine" and upwards of 250 cars & trucks are expected. "Midday Madness" is being held in conjunction with this Show with side walk sales, and children's activities.

**Dog days ...**

On April 23rd, members of the local 4-H Canine Club brought their dogs (and 6 puppies) to visit patients at Didsbury's Long Term Care Facility. 4-H members will have their dogs flying over jumps and racing through tunnels at the Agility Trials with 4-H On Parade in June at the Calgary Stampede Grounds. Anyone interested in the 4-H Canine Club can contact Della 637-8767 or Glenda 637-0153.

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## MOUNTAIN VIEW LODGE NEWS

# April Birthday Party hosted with guest Singalongs

by Annie Caush

Hi All!

We're still waiting for some nice spring weather. Hope we get some rain, then things would look better.

Here at the Lodge we keep busy with some special events. The April Birthday Party was hosted by several Auxiliary members and we had a couple of guests who led us in a sing-along. Thanks so much all of you.

Those celebrating April birthdays are Otto Setter and Willie Watt. Happy Birthday.

Two groups have come in recently and called Bingo and brought lunch. They were the Anglican Church Ladies and the Sons of Norway. Thanks so much.

Last Friday a group of United Church Ladies came in and led us in singing a lot of old songs and served lunch and visited. Thanks all of you!

With so many special

lunches we hope we can soon get out doors and do a bit of gardening. We hope to have more raised planters this year so in a month or two you can visit and check them out.

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## County will write a letter of support for lodge grant

by Richard Westlund

Mountain View County Council decided to write a letter of support for Mountain View Seniors Housing which was needed to apply for a grant that would see the group receive \$4.80 per resident per day for each lodge resident.

Council had the opportunity to pass a motion to write the letter last month but tabled the motion because they were concerned about suggested wording by the Seniors Housing group.

The MVSH asked the County use "Mountain View County supports the seniors' lodge to be built in Didsbury. We are aware that the Mountain View Seniors' Housing may require borrowing up to \$2 million dollars to construct the lodge."

Councillors thought the second line of the suggested wording held implications for the future and funding for the lodge and decided to postpone a decision.

Reeve Ian Harvie also expressed concerns that there hadn't been enough long range planning and that the County had been having trouble making appropriate decisions because of that.

When the Mountain View Seniors' Housing group came before the Council to state their case so did their followers. Council Chambers were filled with lodge supporters eager to see progress on the Didsbury Lodge.

Doreen Wilson, CAO of Mountain View Seniors' Housing, said the group would come up with a long-range plan for the County and gave a presenta-

tion to Councillors to help alleviate concerns they may have. She also reiterated the need to have a letter from the County for the funding and that surrounding municipalities had already lent their support.

"We have five letters of support and we are looking for the sixth," she said.

Harvie responded again with the necessity of long-range planning and the need to be accountable to all County rate-payers.

At one point he stated the lodge would not come close to meeting the needs of the number of seniors who are on waiting lists and that perhaps the lodge should be larger. He reiterated that the County was not against the Didsbury Lodge but that more planning was necessary.

"We want to be part of the solution, not part of the problem," said Harvie.

Supporters in the gallery also came forward to express their concern about the lodge.

Didsbury Town Councillor Don Watt said the County needed to take steps now so that a lodge could be built.

"I appreciate that it is necessary to be cautious but the time has come to fish or cut bait. We would like to receive a letter so we can get on with the lodge," he said, adding he didn't want to see the Seniors' Housing group miss the grant.

Another woman stood up and said too many elderly people were falling through the cracks and with baby-boomers getting older she feared the problem would only escalate.

Council voted unanimously to write a letter of support.



Doreen Wilson, CAO of Mountain View Seniors' Housing gave a presentation to County Councillors asking for a letter of support for funding for the Didsbury Lodge.

## People have the power to shape the way they wish to live

"Trusting so-called authority is not enough. A sense of personal responsibility is what we desperately need." - Rachel Carson, author and biologist, 1962.

We live in an era of many bosses. And this is not their fault - it is ours. In our haste to live the comfortable life and enjoy the new technologies, we have given major decision making into the hands of a few people, governments and large corporations. The rationale made sense, let government organize, standardize and manage matters that affect us all and trust big business to protect the consumer since they need us to buy their products.

However, if we give someone leave to make our decisions, we must



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realize that the outcome may not be what we want. Sadly this is becoming more prevalent and the more we have given discretion to others, the harder it is to get it back.

Our federal government gave up sovereignty of our fresh water under terms of NAFTA and the Alberta government is dithering over adopting the Kyoto

Protocol. To meet the terms of the Protocol we have to reduce harmful emission about 2 1/4 % per year - yes only 2% yearly - over the next 10 years. Now don't tell me that this would cost many thousands of jobs! The bottom line would be more jobs in improving technologies and likely, in the longer term, more profits. In heavily industrialized countries, such as Germany, this is exactly what has happened.

But let us say, for arguments sake, that global warming is not happening, greenhouse gases are not a problem and the ozone layer will heal itself. Would it really be that bad if we still reduced our man-made pollution? Supposing production costs in the oil patch increased,

wouldn't these be ultimately passed on to the consumer? And as for massive loss of market share, I think the market will still need our oil and gas and will be prepared to pay. Don't forget that most of the world's nations have signed on to the Protocol already and that producer nations in that group will be on a level playing field with us.

This leaves the USA with their bombast and bluster. We are involved again with the softwood lumber controversy wherein they claim our governments unfairly subsidize our producers with low stumpage fees. I am totally amazed that no one in our government has questioned the massive subsidies California growers receive in

the way of free or virtually free government irrigation water. I have not learned of any irrigation water in the USA for which the users pay real costs other than votes for the successful politicians!

They may say they can get a better deal to replace our oil and gas but considering proximity and dependability, I doubt it. The problem here seems that our politicians are too ready to believe whatever they are told and are not willing to investigate seriously to satisfy themselves.

The bottom line is that we must act in our own best interests after we have carefully weighed the facts. What is happening locally, nationally and world-wide is not

beyond our individual understanding but we must become educated in these new protocols. The best way to do this is to read recently published books - and there are many - and current newspapers. The Didsbury Public Library has a number of excellent books and can usually get others on request through the regional system.

Becoming interested and informed is the first step in taking back responsibility for the way we wish to live.

If you would like suggestions for reading material my telephone number is (403) 335-8348.

Robert Austin is a former educator and businessman who now lives in Didsbury.

## County votes in favor of new special constable

by Carla Victor

After much deliberation, County Council voted 6-1 in favour of adding another special constable to their front-line of public relations personnel.

Currently Mountain View County employs Jayson Nelson as special constable.

It was reported during the budget meeting, held April 22, the number of calls, demanding some type of action on behalf of the special constable, were too many for one employee to handle.

Mountain View County surveyed other counties of the same size, their special constables travelled an average of 1,232 km compared to Nelson's 3,666 km and answered 223 calls compared to Nelson's 431.

Nelson attended the April 24 regular meeting to answer council's questions and provide any additional information.

He told council a new constable would benefit the entire county.

Duties of the new constable will include responding to resident's complaints whether it be traffic, overloaded vehi-

cles on county roads, safety issues or issues relating to county bylaw matters.

"Currently with one person the volume of complaints were too much, by the time I am able to address some complaints, it could be 2-3 days," said Nelson.

Councillors expressed concern this new addition would appear as to ratepayers as an attempt by the county to generate more income from violation fines.

Nelson assured them this was a matter of public relations not a cash grab.

"It is all about the service level residents receive in this county. Now residents will expect a much quicker response time to their complaints."

He said a new member will

increase the amount of proactive work in the community, such as presentations to community groups and public relation visits to industry operating in our boarders.

Council will investigate any provincial grants that may be out there to help absorb the cost of this new position. The 2002 budget has designated \$35,000 for salary, benefits and operation costs as well as approximately \$42,000 for capital costs such as a vehicle and related expenses. The 2003 budget will designate approximately \$80,000 for a full year of salary, benefits and operation cost. Nelson anticipates the successful applicant will begin work by August.

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## County approves budget and report

Mountain View County council gave unanimous approval to accept the 2002 budget at their regular meeting, April 24. Bryn Jones, director of finance, made one adjustment to the "status quo" budget presented on April 22. Because of a missed capital reserve assessment of \$2 per capita to Mountain View Regional Waste Commission, there will be a \$20,000 difference in the surplus which was first projected to be \$50,000. The approved budget includes revenues of \$25,537,914, expenditures of \$25,507,914 leaving projects surplus of \$30,000. Alberta transportation is proposing changes to public vehicle dimensions and weight regulations relating to the hauling of hay and straw. The policy proposed will

allow a vehicle to transport bales of hay or straw within a 50 km radius, of the loads place of origin, up to four metres wide and to a maximum height of five metres. An empty vehicle is required to be no wider than 2.8 metres wide. Deck extensions and outriggers must be retracted or folded into this dimension. Because of the progressive hay industry in Alberta the government wanted to review their policy to be in line with other province's regulations.

"We have six hay plants in this county alone, there is a lot of hay moving on our highways," said Jayson Nelson, community constable for Mountain View County. "Safety is the paramount of this whole review." Council accepted this report for information.

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"All five final groups travelled to Edmonton to present our business plan to a panel of judges," said Meghan Clark, one of the students who has been developing the plan at Olds College. "It was really exciting to spend the day with top executives from major corporations and with students from a lot of other campuses.

It was a great experience and I think it will open other opportunities up to us."

Meghan was joined by Erin Rasmuson, Brad Richardson, Russ Glover and Richard Limoges in developing the plan, which highlights a device to sterilize needles between inoculations on cattle.

The group has created a prototype and is now researching a patent. They are certainly applying the skills they've reamed in the two year Agricultural Entrepreneurship and Rural Small Business major at Olds College.

"We're really proud of these students," said Agricultural Business Coordinator, Larry Couture. "They worked very hard on continuing to develop their idea and we were all very

excited about how well they placed in the competition. They represented themselves, their

classmates and the college very well. "These five Ag Business students will join over 400

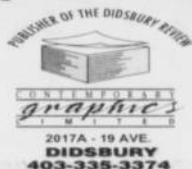
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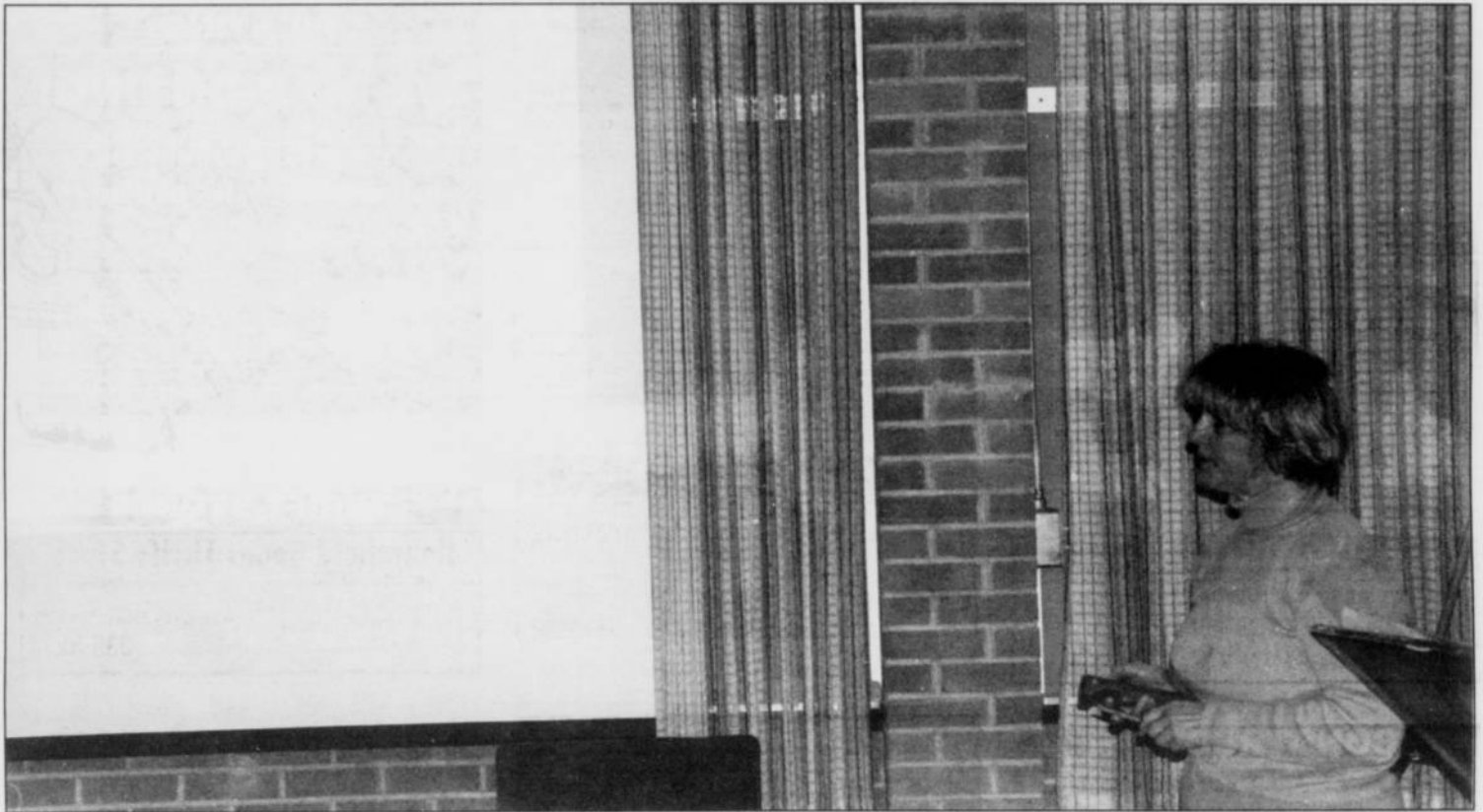
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Rhonda Hunter makes a presentation to County Council in hopes of receiving funding for Didsbury's new outdoor recreation park.

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## County puts \$60,000 towards Didsbury recreation park

by Richard Westlund

The Town of Didsbury received a big boost last week for their new recreation park from the County of Mountain View in the way of \$60,000 funding.

The Town approached the County about the funding at last week's regular County Council meeting stating there was a need for more Town owned recreation facilities in the Town of Didsbury.

Currently the Town owns one ball diamond and two soccer pitches but has access to Chinook's Edge facilities.

The Town is planning on building a new outdoor recreation park to the northeast of the new RCMP detachment that would include new ball diamonds, soccer pitches and a pond that also acts as a drainage basin.

After a presentation given by Director of Community Services Rhonda Hunter, Reeve Ian Harvie stated the proposal was an interesting one but that perhaps the Town should try to improve its agreement with Chinook's

Edge on sharing the current facilities.

CEO of the Town of Didsbury Evan Parliament said efforts had been made in the past to have control of the upkeep of the diamonds, one of the major concerns of those playing on the ball diamonds, but have failed.

The Town has received many complaints in the past about the shape of the diamonds. Because the Chinook's Edge facilities are booked through the Town most people also think the Town is responsible for their upkeep as well, said Parliament.

The Town has also asked for an additional \$60,000 from the County in the future. Under Mountain View Recreation Grant, the County will match the efforts of rural residents towards the project up to an amount of \$60,000.

The total price tag on the recreation park is \$505,000. The Town will donate the land to the project (\$120,000) and \$200,000 will come from Town recreational reserves. A community Sports

Association will be formed to fundraise another \$266,000.

The result of the new recreation park will be four ball diamonds and six soccer pitches in total in the Town of Didsbury.

The motion to support the recreation park was carried unanimously. County puts \$60,000 towards outdoor recreation area.


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#### Spring Tea

Knox United Church U.C.W. will hold their annual Spring Tea at the church on Sat. May 4, 2 - 4 p.m. Bake sale and white elephant table.

### DIDSBURY

#### Community Barbeque

Tuesday, May 7th from 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Didsbury Hospital North Parking lot to celebrate Mental Health Week. Everyone welcome.

#### Meeting

You're all invited to the Didsbury Skating Club's Annual General Meeting. It will be held at the M.P. Room at the Memorial Complex on May 14 at 7:30 p.m.

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### DIDSBURY

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Sat. May 25 - 5:30 p.m. at the Didsbury 5-0 Club. \$10 tickets are pre-sold only. Door prizes. Phone Lorne 335-8065, Bill 335-3223, Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449.

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### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office. For info call Deborah at the Town Office at 335-8343.

### TOY LIBRARY

Child &amp; Youth Clubs of Didsbury Toy Library: Open Tuesdays 10-11:30 a.m., and 2nd &amp; 4th Saturdays for the winter at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Kerri at 335-9928.

### AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Wendy at 335-3877 or Rick at 335-9525.

### TIME OUT

Child &amp; Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Anglican Church Hall, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-2388 for more information.

### DIDSBURY

#### KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

### O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

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Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

### SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

### RECYCLING DEPOT

Didsbury Lions Recycle Centre open Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Accepting newspaper, office papers, magazines, junkmail, plastic milkjugs (please clean). Phone 335-8193. Use outside bins.

### CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

### DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL

The Didsbury Preschool Society is currently accepting on-going registrations for children 3 to 5 years old to our preschool program. For more information or to register your child please call Cherrie 335-8818 or 335-8039.

### LIONS

Lions Handi Bus in town service Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Wheelchair accessible. Call Lloyd Kenyon at 335-2363.

### INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month 10 a.m. Olds Scout Hall. Phone 337-3617 or 556-3807 for information.

### BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

### OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

Just Done For Fun out of school care program runs each school day at Ross Ford. For more information call 335-8168.

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#### AL-ANON

Al-Anon: for persons affected by someone else's drinking. Fri. 8 p.m. For more information call 337-2549, 335-9787 or 337-3762.

### BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

### HALL WALKING

Adult hall walking at Westglen from 6:45 a.m. Monday to Thursday. Keep fit this winter.

### SUPPORT GROUP

ADD /ADHD Support Group. For parents and families dealing with attention deficit disorder. For more info call Sheree 335-8612.

### HOME HELP ASSOCIATION

The Didsbury &amp; District Senior Support Services co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

### LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. Meet on last Tuesday of the month in lower level conference room in Physiotherapy Unit of Hospital. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

### LONE PINE

#### T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Friday at 9 a.m. at Lone Pine Hall. For information call Doreen at 335-4514.

### OLDS

#### MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

### SUPPORT GROUP

Fibromyalgia Support Group 4th Thursday of every month. For time and place, contact Mel Terpstra 335-3527 for info.

### SUNDRE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Wednesdays, 8 - 9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

### ALA TEEN

Ala Teen, Sundre United Church Basement, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. More info 638-3277.

### AL-ANON

Al-Anon, Wednesdays. For more information call 638-3277 or 335-9787.

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